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REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 10/608,585 filed on June 26, 2003. Claims 1-10, 14-27 and 31-34 are pending in the application. Claims 1-8, 10, 14-22, 24-27, 31 and 33 are rejected. Claims 9, 23, 32 and 34 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Election/Restrictions

Applicants cancel withdrawn claims 11-13 and 28-30.

Claim Objections

Applicants have amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 USC §101

Claims 25-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 USC §102

Claims 1 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Sharma et al. (US 7184402), hereafter referred to as Sharma. Claims 9 and 23 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have rewritten Claim 1 to include limitations of Claim 9 and all intervening claims, and have rewritten Claim 14 to include limitations of Claim 23 and all intervening claims. Accordingly Claims 1 and 14 are amended into allowable form.

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Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.C. §103

Claims 2-4, 8, 10, 15, 16, 18-21, 24-27 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sharma (US 7,184,402) in view of MacFarlane et al. (US 6516348), hereafter referred to as MacFarlane.

Claims 5-7, 17, and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sharma (US 7,184,402) in view of MacFarlane (US 6516348), in further view of Lancon et al. (US 6647028), hereafter referred to as Lancon.

Claims 31 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sharma (US 7,184,402) in view of MacFarlane (US 6516348), in view of Gray et al. (US 6,178,448), hereinafter "Gray", in further view of McCullough et al. (US 2002/0010866), hereafter "McCullough".

Applicants have amended independent Claims 1 and 14 into allowable form by incorporating the limitations of Claims 9 and 23, respectively, which are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly Claims 2-8, 10, and 31, and Claims 15-22, 24, and 33 are allowable at least on the basis of depending from allowable Claims 1 and 14.

Applicants have amended independent Claim 25 to incorporate claims analogous to Claim 9 which is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Claims 25 is amended into allowable form and Claims 26-27 are allowable at least on the basis of depending from an allowable claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 9, 23, 32, and 34 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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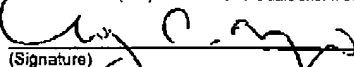
Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 14 to incorporate the limitations of Claims 9 and 23, respectively, an intervening claims so that Claims 1 and 14 and claims depending from Claims 1 and 14 are allowable. Applicants have canceled Claims 9 and 23 as otherwise redundant. Applicants have amended Claims 32 and 34 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims and thus into allowable form.

CONCLUSION

Applicants amend after final rejection to include the allowable subject matter of Claims 9 and 23 into independent Claims 1 and 14 and thus into all claims depending from Claims 1 and 14. Applicants amend Claims 25-27 to include subject matter directly analogous to allowable subject matter of Claim 9. Applicants also amended Claims 32 and 34 into allowable form as directed by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments on the basis that all claims are either allowed or dependent from allowed claims, and the subject matter of all claims have been previously examined and found proper under 35 U.S.C. §112, so that no undue burden is imposed for further examination.

Applicants believe all remaining claims are in form for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. No new matter has been added. In the event it would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

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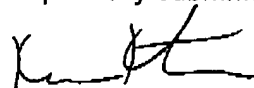

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